

RE: CBSA COVID Mandate Protests // 2022-02-16 08:00

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Attachments: COVID Mandate Protest Map National DCO 20220216 0600.pdf (596.66 kB)

Attached is the map of planned and current protests.

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Update as of 2022-02-16 0800 ET (BLUF reporting cycle is 08:00, 12:00, 16:00 and 20:00).

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New information in red below

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Bottom Line / Summary:

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Operational guidance was issued to CBSA officers following registration of the Emergency Measures Regulations s on February 15, 2022.

- ~ Operational bulletin: OBO-2022-007 - Options under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and Regulations when dealing with foreign nationals subject to Emergency Measures Regulations
- ~ Operational bulletin: OBO-2022-008 - Prohibition on entry for foreign nationals seeking to participate in a prohibited public assembly

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Emerson

- ~ The blockade north of Emerson on the provincial highway remains in place. Protest organizers have signalled via social media their intent to disperse from the highway at 12:00 noon CT.
- ~ Commercial and traveller vehicles are entering Canada through adjacent ports of entry, with the exception of local traffic destined to the town of Emerson or some live animal shipments that protestors have allowed to transit through the protest area.
- ~ The CBSA continues to monitor the situation and will resume operations at Emerson once the RCMP have restored public order. A Border Alert will be issued.

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Coutts

- ~ As of 0700 ET, no impact to operations or wait time have been reported.

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Pacific Highway

- ~ As of 0700 ET, no impact to operations or wait time have been reported.

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Blue Water Bridge

- ~ As of 0545 ET, no impact to operations or wait time reported

- ~ At of 2300 ET, Blue Water Bridge reported suspicious drone activity in the area on the Canadian side of the border.

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Ambassador Bridge, SOR

- ~ As of 0545 ET, no border wait times is reported.
- ~ Law Enforcement (LE) partners are maintaining a strong presence in the area with police erecting concrete barricades along the length of Huron Church between the Ambassador Bridge and EC Row – approximately 3km in length.

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Protest Events

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ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED
·~ Emerson – North of POE	<u>Feb 16</u>
·~ Paterson – North of POE	·~ Lacolle
·~ Coutts – North of POE	·~
·~	<u>Feb 17 or 18</u>
Overseas	·~ North Portal
·~ New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests	·~
·~ Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>February 19</u>
	·~ Peace Bridge, SOR - organizer calling on supporters and their horses to meet at the bottom of the Peace Bridge at 1300 ET
	·~ Lacolle, QUE
	·~ Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21)
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	USA
	·~ Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)
	·~ Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, Followed by a ‘freedom’ convoy (route unknown)

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Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

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~ As of 0600 ET, no Enhanced Vigilance Exam reported since last update.

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POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3		~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3	~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2	~	~	2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1	~	~	1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1	~	1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2	~	2	~	Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Blue Water Bridge	1	2	~	2	~	Two FN's arrived with intent of attending the Ottawa Trucker protest. Both employed by Person Personal Info. Person Personal Info. – and did not meet entry requirements. Allowed to leave granted.
Total	18	33	22	7	4	~

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Intelligence Landscape

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BLUF: ~ At this time Feb 15, 2022 0830 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups.

~ Due to ongoing protests at POEs, there has been a significant operational impact that may result in a threat to Canada's economic security and prosperity.

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REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

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ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

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• No update

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QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

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Lacolle

• There is a possible protest planned for today (February 16)

• The provincial police will setup a checkpoint at 6km before the border on the highway to systematically intercept all trucks confirm legitimate travel to the US and not for protest. All protesters will be turned back.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

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• No update

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SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

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Southern Ontario Region Commercial Conveyance Counts																
# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3,554	4,864	4,365	3,311	4,348	2,597	1,189	1,728	5						2,639	4,427
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,828	2,182	1,934	2,460	1,277	622	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,893	4,397	4,275	1,509	2,644	3,332
Fort Erie Commercial	1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,538	705	386	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,525	2,345	1,040	350	796	1,697
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,152	531	262	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	2,012	694	301	1,239	1,559
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,522	9,498	5,110	2,459	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,382	8,754	6,009	2,160	7,318	11,015
Difference								-14%	-24%	-6%	25%	-8%	18%	-12%	5%	34%
								-1,131	-2,600	-545	1,860	-744	899	-299	352	2,784

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Southern Ontario Region Traveller Conveyance Counts																
# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,873	1,040	874	1,544	903	951	611	15	21	36	6			1,227	1,459
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,693	1,556	2,645	1,309	1,187	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,784	4,860	2,462	1,997	3,185	3,236
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	334	720	519	526	578	394	380	490	610	464	514	561	498
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	646	1,055	896	1,229	1,140	998	969	936	1,355	824	933	1,072	1,011
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	290	512	518	581	491	445	452	588	720	565	598	589	469
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	265	179	302	323	359	334	301	381	466	537	594	505	417	329
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,879	6,778	4,468	4,833	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,280	8,068	4,909	4,547	7,051	7,002
Difference								0%	-9%	49%	88%	19%	10%	-6%	-2%	6%
								35	-645	2,316	3,401	1,310	441	-286	-132	387

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Ambassador Bridge

• As of 0545 ET, no border wait times is reported

• LE partners are maintaining a strong presence in the area.

Blue Water Bridge

• At of 23:00ET, suspicious Drone activity was reported;

o Drone hovering at the Christina St. + Exmouth Rd. Exit

o One drone flying around the FBCL project building (where the trucks are stored), over the tolls and toll building then crossing diagonally to the area around the condo's on Venetian Blvd.

o One drone at the travel information centre

• USCBP, OPP and Port Huron Police have been made aware; the drones were not known law enforcement/governmental asset.

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PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

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# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-08 Tuesday	2022-02-09 Wednesday	2022-02-10 Thursday	2022-02-11 Friday	2022-02-12 Saturday	2022-02-13 Sunday	2022-02-14 Monday	2022-02-15 Tuesday
Coutts Travellers	58	15	21	45	27		3	43
Coutts Commercial*	161		12	20	9			129
Emerson Travellers	57	91	33	19	35	22	27	21
Emerson Commercial	649	771	78		2	2	1	2
Del Bonita	64	255	336	287	69	105	228	152
Carway	31	67	87	78	150	166	105	73
Aden	4	8	6	6	10	2	7	3
Other Commercial POEs								
Regway	75	78	67	72	42	57	106	93
Roosville	89	125	152	146	98	98	113	92
North Portal Travellers	44	38	46	49	48	57	54	49
North Portal Commercial	291	427	446	295	417	329	256	345
Sprague	71	64	113	118	113	56	110	121
Boissevain	123	146	195	148	72	65	138	156

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Emerson

- ~ The blockade north of Emerson on the provincial highway remains in place. Protest organizers have signalled via social media their intent to disperse from the highway at 12:00 noon CT.

- ~ On February 15, the RCMP released a statement of possible resolution of blockade for February 16.
- ~ Reports that protesters have agreed to clear the blockade by noon tomorrow CT and that they plan to hold a press conference at 10:00 CT
- ~ The CBSA continues to monitor the situation and will resume operations at Emerson once the RCMP have restored public order. A Border Alert will be issued.~

Coutts

- ~ As of 0600 ET, no impact to operations or wait time have been reported

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

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Pacific Region Traveller Conveyance Counts								
# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-05 Saturday	2022-02-06 Sunday	2022-02-07 Monday	2022-02-08 Tuesday	2022-02-12 Saturday	2022-02-13 Sunday	2022-02-14 Monday	2022-02-15 Tuesday
Pacific Highway Travellers	576	509	601	518	488	5	5	431
Pacific Highway Commercial	816	546	1,104	1,203	545	6	6	941
Douglas Travellers	1,038	873	868	765	1,418	1,366	1,499	997
Aldergrove Travellers	143	158	117	134	205	174	166	142
Aldergrove Commercial	45	17	146	172	145	221	485	239
Abbotsford Travellers	169	160	203	176	207	207	195	184
Abbotsford Commercial	104	58	310	328	217	333	497	466
Osoyoos Travellers	71	68	154	145	57	68	154	155
Kingsgate Traveller	51	40	27	43	55	52	46	50
Kingsgate Commercial	140	92	146	217	153	100	128	229
Corridor Total	3,153	2,521	3,676	3,701	3,490	2,532	3,181	3,834
Corridor Difference					11%	0%	-13%	4%
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Pacific Highway

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Paterson

- As of 2123 ET, there was about 15 vehicles, and 25 protestors at the demonstration site. All protestors remain off and adjacent to CBSA property.
- Two more campers have showed up and a "porta potty" has been set up.
- There have been several incidents where the road has been temporarily blocked (5-10 mins) while they rearrange and drop off supplies. They are quick to reassure people are moving.
- One lane, 2 way traffic flowing unimpeded both to and from the POE.

Kingsgate

- Reports of four members of a group called the "Panhandle Patriots" who arrived on the US side of the POE at approximately 1330 MST. They appeared to be coming in reconnaissance of the Canadian POE but did not cross onto the Canadian side. CBSA IEOD regionally is investigating.

Law Enforcement Engagement

POE Name	Province	s. 37 POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present	Active Operational Plan	Additional Request from POJ
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	Yes		
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No		
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No		
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No		
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cornwall	ON	Yes	Yes		Cornwall Police	Yes	TBD		
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No		No
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes		
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes		Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	Yes	No	
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No		
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes		
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes		Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes		
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes		
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes		
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No		
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes		
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO****	NO****
St-Armand/Phillipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO****	NO****
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
St. Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
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OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

Ottawa, ON: ~

- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb

Media:

- CTV: Border blockade in Manitoba to be cleared Wednesday. [Link](#)

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